

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE a wild and windy month of review

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t was a wild and windy month of review when La mountain man and a TV meteorologist joined students at Arcadia Elementary to review for their year-end testing.

"Our science and social studies curriculum allows us to use hands-on projects, technology, field trips and in-school assemblies to keep it interesting," said fourth-grade teacher Kathy Hommes, who arranged to have the guests visit. "We are preparing for our year-end assessments, and we will be using all of these resources to review and prepare."

Mountain Man Scott "Grizzly" Sorensen refreshed lessons from the social studies curriculum for fourth-grade students as he shared the details of the lives of mountain men.

Sorensen brought stacks of animal furs and challenged students to identify the hides. Students answered Sorensen's questions about famous trappers with confidence even though that social studies unit was taught at the beginning of the year, said fourth-grade teacher Kellie Janes.

The fourth-graders were not taken in by Sorensen's wild stories; they spotted his yarn about a deer riding a bike as a tall tale. Some classes wrote their own tall tales. Students in Janes' class wrote papers contrasting modern living with that of mountain men.

Students were impressed with Sorensen's animal calls and were thrilled when he set off a beaver trap and fired a rifle.

Teachers and volunteers provided handson activities for students to experience the life of early Utah settlers. They took turns churning butter (which took three hours), square dancing in the gym and stamping leather keychains with metal tools and a mallet.

Students also sewed their own possibility bags, small pouches slung over one shoulder to keep bullets and gunpowder easily accessible to a mountain man.

As a fun way to review units on extreme weather and the water cycle, students watched episodes of "Bill Nye the Science Guy" and played cloud identification games as a class.

Meteorologist Sterling Poulson from



Mountain Man Scott Sorensen tests fourth-graders on their knowledge of Utah trappers and traders. (Jet Burnham/City Journals)



Meteorologist Sterling Poulson talks with students about weather forecasting. (Jet Burnham/City Journals

KUTV brought his mobile weather lab to the school to show how his understanding of the water cycle and geography enables him to forecast weather patterns. He told the students he has been tracking weather daily for 20

"If you want to do something and do it well, you need to learn about it," he told students. "Go to school, learn more about it, and then, after you get out of school, learn

Poulson reviewed the process of the water cycle with students playing the role of air and water molecules. He then performed science experiments to help them understand air pressure.

Teachers prepared games to review other subjects that will be covered in April's SAGE testing. To review their science unit on animal classification, students took part in an animal scavenger hunt, matching characteristics to animal families.

Dr. Celia Jabakumar, principal at Arcadia, encourages teachers to utilize field trips and guest speakers to supplement their teaching, squeezing in enrichment activities as often as

"It makes for a well-rounded experience for these kids," said Jabakumar. "There's more to elementary school than the sit-down-andlearn-stuff." She wants them to realize there's a purpose to it.

Various field trips have been used to reinforce lessons from the Utah-focused curriculum for fourth-graders. They visited Murray Nature Center to study Utah wetlands. At the Museum of Natural History, they attended a class about rocks and minerals found in Utah. The Museum on the Move brought their fossil samples for a hands-on review with the students. A trip to the Living Planet Aquarium was planned to review the water cycle in a real-life application.

Before the end of the year, Hommes said they plan to take part in an activity sponsored by the Water Conservation Association. Getting a glimpse into the past at the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center is another field trip teachers have scheduled.

Jabakumar's goal is to help the students understand that what they are learning in elementary school relates to their future. She hopes they appreciate the opportunities the teachers are able to provide.

"Hopefully they walk out of here saying, 'oh, there's method to this madness. They want us to get somewhere in life," she said. +

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Fairy tales in the modern world

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Pairy tales are very much a part of human history, and on March 29 at the Taylorsville Library, Dr. Karin Baumgartner, associate professor of German at the University of Utah, showed how they continue to influence people's everyday lives.

"We all have memories of our parents telling us fairy tales, or grandmother, or kindergarten teacher," Baumgartner said. "They need to have a happy ending; there has to be magic, and magic is taken seriously. When you enter a fairy tale, you have to suspend your 21st-century self. You have to believe with the character that the magic is real."

Baumgartner took the audience on a journey of the classic stories—from the Brothers Grimm to 17th century Venice, Italy, and the inclusion of the term "Fairy" into stories—to the modern take on the fairy tale—beginning with Disney's "Snow White" to the television monster-slayer "Grimm"—highlighting differences in language and emphasis in the story of Rapunzel.

Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm were born in the area of Kassel, Germany, in the late 18th century. Both received scholarships to high school in Kassel where they excelled despite being exceedingly poor before heading for Marburg, Germany, to study law in 1802 and 1803. Studying under Carl Friedrich von Savigny, who introduced them to his brother-in-law Clemens Brentano, a novelist, poet and important figure to Romanticism, a movement lasting from the 1790s until the 1820s.

Brentano, who was working on a collection of German folk songs, charged the Grimm Brothers to go out and collect folk tales from the surrounding countryside to be placed in a volume meant to bolster German pride and individuality. The Grimms began collecting stories in 1808, and in 1810, they sent Brentano the manuscript. Though Brentano had lost interest in the project, the Brothers Grimm self-published in 1812 with a compilation of 86 stories that would eventually grow to 211 local tales, collected, edited and

published in subsequent printings by 1857. The Kassel University Library still owns their original manuscript.

"The [Grimms] didn't believe in the forest being haunted because where is true horror situated? It's in our minds; it's not outside, "Baumgartner said. "True horrors are inside our heads and in our interactions with each other. Nothing is more horrible than what we can imagine."

Moving on to the prevalence of the princess story in Disney movies, Baumgartner said, "The reason why our corpus is a princess corpus has very pragmatic reasons. Disney and his artists couldn't draw men. They tried, but they just couldn't get the man manly enough. That excluded all tales with a male hero for Disney movies"

The stories, according to Baumgartner, and how they're crafted and even what lesson is emphasized were heavily influenced from as far away as Turkey which was bringing the Arabian Nights tales through trade, as well as the French Huguenots sheltered in Germany whose very Frenchness was repellent to many, including the Grimms, given the still recent Reign of Terror and rise of Napoleon.

"And they are not specifically written for children, until the 19th century, when they started to be tailored for children, to show that even the littlest person can win out in the end," said Baumgartner.

Attendees were fascinated by the subject of the shortened class "From Grimm to Disney" that Baumgartner teaches at the University of Utah for non-humanities students.

"I found it interesting to find out more about the Grimm brothers and how people transform legend and how they themselves transformed legend," Jessica Wollschleger said. "It's interesting to see the different versions of the tales."

Baumgartner insists that her students read a tale that they are not familiar with in order to



Dr. Karin Baumgartner holds up her father's copy of Grimm's Fairy Tales in German from the 1930s. (Keyra Kristoffersen/City Journals)

broaden their knowledge and experience with the different versions and languages.

"It is a story about people. It's not a story about gods or angels," said Baumgartner, "Fairy tales talk about humans. It is very formulaic which gives us the sense that the world can be managed. It's predictable. You leave home, you go through a crisis or adventure, but in the end you get rewarded."

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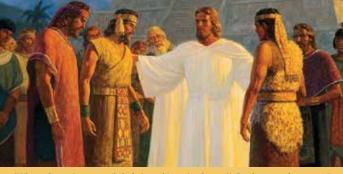
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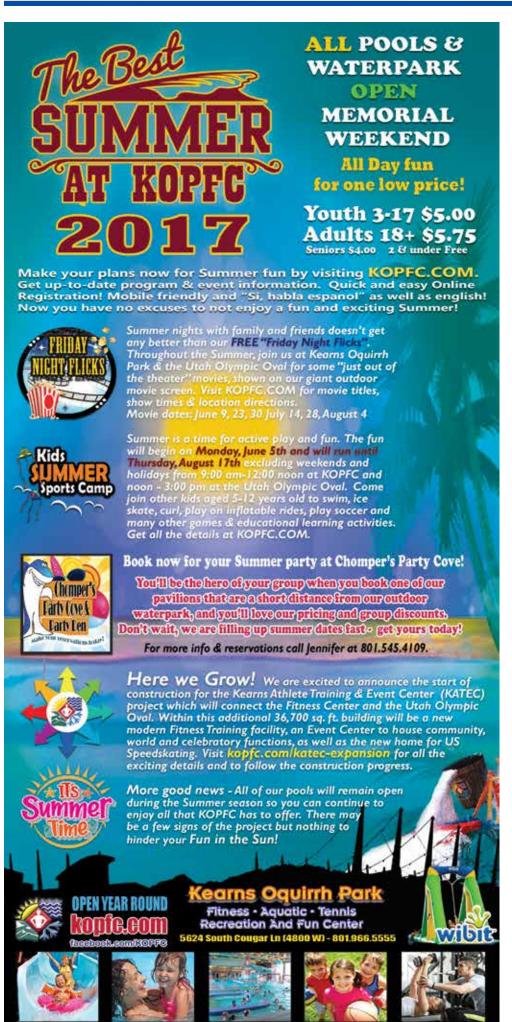


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Jordan River Commission reports improving waterway conditions to Taylorsville City Council

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Canoeing and Kayaking the Jordan River is a popular pastime. (Jordan River Commission)

The recent Salt Lake County decision to build a new homeless shelter near the Jordan River—at 1000 West 3380 South—has a lot of South Salt Lake City residents up in arms.

But for the Jordan River Commission, it's simply their most recent challenge.

"We're hopeful we can work with the County and State to make some additional investments in this section of the river corridor," said Commission Executive Director Laura Hanson. "(We want) to help improve the current trail experience and mitigate any potential impacts from the proposed shelter."

At a recent Taylorsville City Council meeting Hanson offered her annual report to elected officials, discussing challenges ranging from homeless residents camping along the river to puncturevines that wreak havoc on bicycle tires.

The Jordan River Commission was created in August 2010. The organization's website says, "it was created to ... serve as a technical resource to local communities and to provide a forum for coordination of planning, restoration and response development along the Jordan River corridor."

Hanson has been with the commission nearly from the beginning, hired in March 2011.

"Last year, volunteers worked about 16,000 hours along the river corridor," Hanson told the council members. "Our commission membership includes 14 cities and three counties (Davis, Salt Lake and Utah) along with two state agencies and other organizations. But it's our volunteers who truly do the hands-on work."

The Jordan River enters Taylorsville at 5400 South, along the city's eastern border with Murray. It flows out of the city at about 1000 West 4000 South, into South Salt Lake City.

While the planned homeless shelter is several blocks north of Taylorsville, Unified Police have already reported an ongoing problem with transients camped along the river.

Earlier this year, police conducted a raid along the river near 4100 South. "We gave the people who were illegally camped in the area lots of warning," said Taylorsville Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant. "It was a safety hazard. We found about 80 empty propane tanks in the area."

Hanson says the commission is not directly involved in removing homeless people from the

Jordan River corridor, but they do work to help keep foliage trimmed down, making it more difficult for transients to hide their encampments.

During Hanson's presentation, Taylorsville City Council Chairman Brad Christopherson raised another ongoing concern with her.

"Many people have complained to me about the puncturevine problem on the Jordan River trail," he said. "They continue to cause a lot of flat bike tires."

Hanson said the commission has had a lot of success battling the vines with insects.

"We buy puncturevine weevils from a California insectory," she said. "They come to us in cups and we use volunteers to disperse them into the vines. When the weevils lay their eggs, they burrow into the vines causing them to die. Unfortunately, the weevils can't survive our winters, so we have to do this each year."

Hanson also told city council members about a couple of projects they are working to complete along the Jordan River, north of Taylorsville.

Along the river at North Temple in Salt Lake, work has begun on a foot bridge spanning to 200 South.

"When this \$6 million bridge is completed, we believe our Jordan River trail will be the longest improved trail in the country, at 120 miles," she said. "The current record is a 112-mile trail in Minnesota."

Because the bridge will tie such a vast trail together, river commission members have begun calling it the "Golden Spike Bridge."

Also, much closer to Taylorsville City, the Jordan River Commission is continuing to make improvements on Pioneer Crossing Park. This new 20-acre site—on the west side of the river, north of 3300 South—will include a picnic pavilion, boardwalks, an amphitheater and camping areas.

Although it is very near the planned new homeless shelter, the park is on the opposite side of the river—and the opposite side of 3300 South.

The Jordan River Commission has four paid employees and operates on an annual budget of just under \$300,000. Funding sources include annual membership fees paid by cities, counties and other members along with grants and private donations.

New Taylorsville theater opens to rave reviews

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Utah's newest movie theater, in Taylorsville, is state of the art. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)



Taylorsville's new Regal Cinemas feature an expanded restaurant-like menu. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)

ButtKicker technology has arrived in Taylorsville—just part of what makes the city's newest business one of the most advanced and state-of-the-art in the world.

"This new theater is one of the two most technologically advanced cinemas in America," said S Squared Development Principal Bill Stone, as he welcomed community leaders and media members to the grand opening of the Regal Crossroads 14 & RPX cinema, at 5516 South Redwood Road (west of Harmons).

RPX stands for "Regal Premier Experience." And that's where the ButtKicker comes into the picture.

"It's a subwoofer, an audio speaker, implanted in the chairs of our RPX theater," said Regal National Marketing Manager Rachel Lueras. "The bass speaker vibrates the seats, creating a unique special effect."

Just one of the new 14 theaters in the Regal Cinema is equipped with the technology, and you'll pay a premium rate for it. But theater operators say the 4D experience is worth the added cost.

After offering three days of discounted movies (raising some \$33,000 for area charities), the new Regal Cinemas opened for "real" business over St. Patrick's Day weekend, starting first with a news conference.

"I am overjoyed with this facility," said Taylorsville Mayor Larry Johnson. "It's been under construction for more than a year, and I've watched it every step of the way. All of the surrounding businesses are also thrilled to have the theater open and are renewing their leases."

The new theater is the first for the Regal Entertainment Group here in Utah. The cinema chain now operates 576 theaters in 43 states, the District of Columbia and some U.S. territories.

"We chose this location because it is near the busiest intersection in all of Utah (Redwood Road and 5400 South)," Stone added. "Taylorsville City has been extremely fair to work with, and we are confident this will be a great addition to the city and the entire Salt Lake Valley."

Taylorsville Economic Development Director (and Republican State Senator) Wayne Harper also spoke briefly at

the news conference. "So much work has gone into this project for more than a year," he said. "It's fun to finally be able to celebrate the accomplishment. This theater offers new economic life to this area."

The 14 Regal Cinema auditoriums range in size from 63 to 244 seats, each an oversized recliner. The aisles are wide enough that patrons can get out of their row even when chairs in front of them are fully reclined.

The theater also features an enhanced concession menu.

"We're set up to combine the dinner and movie experience into one location," Lueras said. "In addition to the normal popcorn and candy offerings, we also have hamburgers, salads and full meals."

Moviegoers can also take advantage of the self-serve yogurt and soft drink bars.

Partnering with S Squared Development and Regal Entertainment Group on the project is TriGate Capitol. Senior Vice President John Mearns said his company purchased the area where the theater is located about two-and-a-half years ago.

"Except for the land Harmons occupies, TriGate owns everything on this side of Redwood Road, south to I-215," Mearns said.

That includes the Shopko building and about 50 other businesses.

"Now that this theater is completed, our next highest priority is finding a tenant for the 40,000-square-foot Sports Authority building," he added.

Overall, TriGate officials say there are about a dozen unoccupied business spaces in the complex. But they are confident the new Regal Crossroads 14 & RPX cinema will make those locations much easier to lease.

Movie ticket prices at the new theater range from \$6.75 for senior citizens and \$7.25 for matinees to \$11.93 for the premium ButtKicker experience.

"There's no particular reason why Regal has not been in the Utah market before," Lueras said. "And now that we are here, the company is continuing to evaluate other opportunities for additional theaters in the state."

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Taylorsville honors outstanding employees, residents at annual awards banquet

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After incorporating in 1996, Taylorsville City began honoring some of its outstanding employees and residents with a special yearly event. This tradition continued earlier this year with the 21st Annual City of Taylorsville Awards Banquet held at Salt Lake Community College.

The city's council members and administrator presented awards of excellence to the community's top: volunteer, service provider, fire fighter, police officer, employee and business.

Then Mayor Larry Johnson closed the evening by bestowing his "Mayor's Award of Excellence."

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Volunteer Award of Excellence



Longtime Taylorsville resident Rulon Swensen is an amateur radio hobbyist. A decade ago, he found a way to incorporate that pastime to better his community by founding a ham radio group. The Taylorsville HAMnet gathers over the air once a week to practice readiness in the event of a community disaster.

In presenting the award, Taylorsville City Council Chairman Brad Christopherson noted

Swensen has coordinated the weekly training sessions on Christmas and other holidays for nearly as long as the club has been around.

Service Provider Award of Excellence



Stephanie Shelman serves Taylorsville as Deputy City Attorney. Part of her work includes the review of Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) requests.

City Councilwoman Dama Barbour told the banquet audience, "She is hardworking, thorough, organized and detailoriented. She is also extremely sharp, with

a vast understanding of the law and legal issues."

Shelman has been with Cowdell & Wooley Law Firm and Taylorsville City for two years.

Firefighter Award of Excellence



Adam Halsey grew up in Taylorsville and first toured the city's original Fire Station 117 at the age of 6 or 7. Not long after that he told his mother he wanted to be a firefighter and to drive a fire engine when he grew up.

"The proudest day of my life was when I was sworn in as a firefighter and told to serve at station 117," He said.

Taylorsville City Councilwoman Kristie Overson, while presenting the award, said Fire Engineer Halsey is certified as an EMT, swift water technician and wildland fire engine crew boss.

Halsey has been with the Unified Fire Authority, previously Salt Lake County Fire Department, for more than 17 years.

Police Officer Award of Excellence



Sergeant Mike Ricketts is a veteran Taylorsville police officer of more than 20 years. During that time, he has been involved in countless large-scale law enforcement cases, including homicides and officer-involved shootings.

Taylorsville City Council Vice

Chairman Dan Armstrong told the banquet audience Ricketts is also a new sergeant trainer and manager of the precinct bicycle patrol.

Established four years ago, the bike patrol focuses on the Jordan River Parkway, apartment parking lots and neighborhoods. Patrol members also provide service during Taylorsville Dayzz.

Employee Award of Excellence



Working in the Taylorsville municipal court as a judicial case manager is Employee Award of Excellence honoree Shell Summers. But in announcing her award, City Administrator John Taylor said that is simply Summers' most recent stop in a city career that began in 1999

Summers started work for the city through Valley Mental Health and its domestic violence program. Working with probation case managers, counselors and therapists she

tracked participants' progress through the system, providing encouragement while also holding them accountable.

Summers also spent a portion of her career as the contract prosecutors' office manager where she coordinated the preparation of more than a

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City Councilman Ernest Burgess presented this award to Ross and April Siragusa, owners of Siragusa's Taste of Italy.

The Siragusas opened their restaurant six years ago and quickly became an important part of the Taylorsville business community.

"(They) are very generous and

supportive of the city," Burgess added. "They also cater and donate to many civic events.

Mayor's Award of Excellence



The final honoree was Patricia Kimbrough, who began her career with Taylorsville City as an executive assistant 13 years ago.

While introducing her to the audience, Mayor Larry Johnson called Kimbrough "very organized and caring, always showing concern for others."

Kimbrough recently retired to spend more time with her family and her passion

of ballroom dancing.

"[Patricia] has been a pleasure to work with and will be greatly missed," Johnson said. +



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Where in the world . . . are all the girls?

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noushka Kharkar was poised to win the National Geographic A Society Utah State Geography Bee. For the seven questions of her preliminary round, Anoushka earned the only perfect score in her group of 20 other fourth- through eighth-graders, guaranteeing her spot in the final round.

In 24 years, only one girl has ever won the Utah State Geography Bee. Only two have ever won the National Geography

Anoushka, an eighth-grader at Challenger School of Salt Lake, has been competing in the State Bee since fifth grade. As a sixth-grader, she placed third, and as a seventh-grader, she placed

Anoushka placed third this year, her final year of competition. (The only other girl in the final round, Adelaide Parker, placed

Each student attending the Utah State Geography Bee held at Thanksgiving Point on March 31 was their school's champion, selected to compete with the top students in Utah as determined by a 70-question geography test. This year, of 102 students who qualified for the bee, only 25 percent were girls.

Morgan Edman, a fifth-grader from Falcon Ridge Elementary in West Jordan said there were more boys than girls competing in her school bee, which she won. But she was surprised there were so few girls at the State Bee.

Fourth-grader Lainey Porter won the school bee at Taylorsville Elementary, where four of the top seven students were girls, including the one who took second place.

So where were all the girls at the state level?

Explanations range from differing learning styles to confidence to interest.

Helen Jones, who has a minor in geography and has taught history and geography for Canyons District, believes that girls and boys have different strengths in learning geography.

"Boys like to keep track of where things are and who's winning," said Jones, who was a volunteer at the State Bee this year. "Young women have an attention to detail. So if we're looking at map skills, the girls may be further ahead." Jones also believes girls may have an edge with cultural geography with a tendency to pay more attention to what happens to people.

Jones said the types of questions used at the bee cover a variety of geographic knowledge, including culture, politics, place and region, human movement and interaction, and map skills. Those don't favor one gender over the other.

State Bee Coordinator Kevin Poff has taught geography in

"In class, I haven't noticed a difference between genders in



Girls were well represented at the Taylorsville Elementary Geography Bee but not at the State Bee. (Leslie Porter/Taylorsville Elementary)

being able to access geographic concepts or knowledge," said Poff. He believes the age of the participants, which ranges from 10 to 14, is a factor.

"This is the age where, socially, girls are a little more hesitant to forge out on their own, especially when they are in mixed gender academic groups," he said.

Anoushka agrees lack of confidence may inhibit some girls. "When I go into competitions, there's always more dudes,"

she said. "Girls don't normally go into these things because it's dominated by dudes."

But Anoushka said she wasn't intimidated by the boys-or anyone else—including last year's winner, Ankiti Garg, who took first place again this year. His sister, Gauri Garg, was the first girl to win the Utah Bee, which she did in 2014 and again in 2015.

"I tell myself that I studied a lot, and I can do well," Anoushka said. "I've done well previous years, and I've studied so hard this year." She also had the support of her family, including her older sister (who placed sixth in the State Bee a few years ago).

Olivia Boase, an eighth-grader who won her school bee at Sunset Ridge Middle in West Jordan, wasn't bothered by being in the minority.

"I don't feel intimidated by the boys, and I don't think anybody should," she said. "They're all just the same age of us. They have the same amount of experience. Who says we can't beat them?"

Girls can beat the boys—at least they have in other academic competitions.

Edward Cohn from American Prospect Magazine reported that equal numbers of boys and girls compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, with girls wining it more often than boys

Olivia suggested there are more boys who are interested in geography.

"The only reason I participated in the school bee was because there were cookies, and I got to skip math class," she said.

But there are girls who love the subject.

"The studying is arduous but it's a lot of fun to learn about the world," Anoushka said.

As a teacher, Lainey's mother, Leslie Porter, has nurtured her daughter's interest in geography.

"I have always loved going to her classroom and looking at all her maps," Lainey said.

Poff believes an understanding of the wider global community is what makes the difference for students who qualify for the bee.

"I notice a difference when kids come to me with an attitude and viewpoint that is a little more global, and that seems to have more to do with life experiences than it does with gender," said Poff.

So what does the National Geographic Society say about the low numbers of girls in their bee?

In a study commissioned in 1996 they concluded:

"There is a slight difference between what girls and boys know about geography," reported Marni Merksamer on "National Geographic Today."

Roger Downs, author of the study "Gender and Geography," explained that starting at the school level, if boys know slightly more than the girls, the winner is more likely to be a boy. If the same thing happens again at the state level, when competitors reach the national level, what is now an extreme gap in gender actually started out as a very, very small one.

Developmental psychologist Lynn Liben, who was involved in the study, explained, "It's like if you're a runner. If you're just a little bit better, you're going to win the race," she said." It doesn't mean that the person who came in second is a slow slug."

Pallavi Ranade-Kharkar, Anoushka's mother, said competition is unpredictable—you can never guarantee the outcome. But she is very proud of her daughter's accomplishments.

'We tell her it's the effort you put in, and she has really put in a top-notch effort all year," she said.

Whatever the reason for the low numbers of girls winning the bee, Olivia puts the matter into perspective.

"I knew that I would just do what I could, and I knew that even if people beat me, I would still be smart," she said. +





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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CITY-WIDE GOALS

2014 - 2017

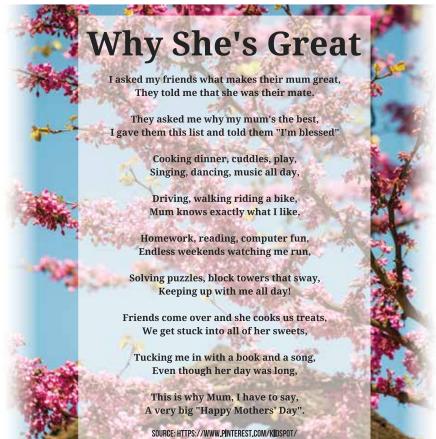
MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we near Mother's Day, I would like to share a few thoughts about mothers. There is not a day that passes that my mother is not in my thoughts; she was very special to me. My mom taught me to love, be kind, respect my elders, be mannerly and courteous, work hard, persevere, be humble and the importance of family. I am blessed in so many ways with a beautiful family, good health, and a job that allows me the opportunity to serve and so much more. I want to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy Mother's Day. I encourage all of us to express our appreciation and love to our mom's for all they do for us. Thank you, Moms.

—Mayor Johnson



Mayor Larry Johnson



MAYOR'S CHOICE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CITY-WIDE GOALS

2014 - 2017

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FOCUS ON CITY INVESTMENTS

- Reprioritized Spending of \$1.1 Million from Administrative to Capital Improvements
- · Reduced City Debt from \$12.9 to \$8.6 Million

EXPANDED CITY TAX BASE

- Sales Tax (Revenue) Increase of \$668,000
- Net Increase of 200+ Business Licenses
- Redevelopment of Legacy Plaza at 54th
- . Redevelopment of The Crossroads of Taylorsville
- Award of the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center
- Development of the new Summit Vista Senior Living Project

PARKS & COMMUNITY

CITY PARKS

- . Creation of the new Cabana Park in District 1
- . Investments in Millrace, Vista Park, Labrum, Bennion and Azure Parks
 - · New Playgrounds
 - . New Pickle-ball court
 - New Pavillions
 - · New Trails
 - · New Benches
 - New Trees
 - New Signage
 - · New Lighting
 - Improved Irrigation Systems

SENIOR CENTER IMROVEMENTS

- New Pool Table Room
- · New Multi-Purpose Addition
- New Craft & Burn Room Addition
- Plans for Senior Excercise Lap Pool

PUBLIC SAFETY

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- · Increased Lighting plan for School Crosswalks
- Additional Safety Warning Beacons at Key Pedestrian Crossings

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 10% Reduction of Crime in our City
- · Addition of One New Sergeant
- Addition of Two New Officers
- · High Morale in Police Department
- New Plymouth Fire Station #117

PUBLIC INFASTRUCTURE

SAFETY & BEAUTIFICATION INVESTMENTS

- Jordan River Trail Pedestrian Bridge at 4700 South
- · Decorative wall on 2700 West
- Safety Fence on 1300 West from 4800 to 5400 South
- Beautification wall on Redwood Road
- · New Gateway Signage
- Sidewalk repairs & upgrades throughout the city
- Appointment of Problem Solving Task Force

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Removal of the 4015 West Median thru-turns
- · Bangerter Interchange at 5400 South
- 4500 South BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)
- Storm Drain Infastructure Upgrades

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

- · Area Clean Up Program
- Earth Day Collection Event
- Landfill Voucher Program
- Leaf Bag Program
- Enhanced Graffiti Removal Program
- Taylorsville Food Pantry Expansion
- · Aerogarden Growing Together

NEW BUSINESSES

El Fogón
Metro PCS
Blaze Pizza
Rollz
Pizza Studio
Chopfuku
Regal Crossroads
14 & RPX
Saloncentric
FilZ Drinks
Zaxby's
Cubby's
Penny Ann's
La Puente
La Sifrina's Fitness
Wingstop
Papa John's Pizza
Beto's
Jimmy John's
GNC
Beans & Brews
Mattress Firm
Five Guys

EXPANDING BUSINESSES

Rancherito's
Siragusa's
TechnaGlass
IHC remodel
Deseret First Credit Union relocation
Café Rio
Markosian Auto
Planet Fitness
Harmons

UPCOMING BUSINESSES

Safelite Auto Glass
Mr. Car Wash
TJ Maxx
A&W
Fresenius Medical
IASIS Urgent Care
Murphy USA gas station
Enterprise Car Rental
Jade Square office buildings
Starbucks
Popeyes
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Elected Officials

Mayor Lawrence Johnson
Council Chair Brad Christopherson
Council Vice-Chair Dan Armstrong
Council Member Dama Barbour
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Kristie Overson



COUNCIL CORNER

pring time is upon us! Each year the City addresses complaints from residents regarding the condition Of yards, weeds, dandelions, and other potential nuisances that can detract from the beauty of our neighborhoods. The City works on these through our Code Enforcement Program. Code Enforcement exists to help maintain clean, crime-free, well-kept neighborhoods. Well-kept neighborhoods appreciate in value to a greater degree and add to the beauty of our City. The City provides some programs to assist with this. First, there are landfill vouchers available at City Hall to defray the costs of a trip to the landfill. The City also has a rotating cleanup program where once each Spring or Summer Wasatch Waste and Recycling District brings dumpsters to all areas of the City at no additional cost to our residents. These are designed to provide an easy way to get rid of trash and other waste that can accumulate. If you have questions regarding Code Enforcement or questions about any of these options, please contact your City Council Representative!



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Thinking about Spring

Landfill Vouchers are now available!



Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District is offering all Taylorsville Residents (2) Fee Waiver Vouchers annually for loads taken to the Salt Lake Valley Landfill.

The Vouchers can be picked up at Taylorsville City Hall, 2nd floor reception area.

The Salt Lake Valley Landfill is located at 6030 W California Avenue (1400 South) Open for residential waste disposal Monday - Saturday 7am - 5pm Vouchers valid thru end of 2017





Taylorsville Arts Council presents:



July 12,13,14,15, and 17 **SLCC Alder Amphitheater** 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$8/each Family Pass \$30







Mother's Day

It is one Day of the year that should not be forgotten. President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation on May 9, 1914, declaring the second Sunday of May "a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

Mother's Day is also a time to evaluate what is going on with your outdoor watering. If you have delayed watering your lawn before Mother's Day, its roots will have grown deeper and your lawn will be healthier. This delayed watering benefits the lawn in hotter months when the surface dries out quickly but the roots can access water deeper in the soil.

Start your water conservation on or before Mother's Day and follow the Suggested Water Guide to ensure water for many Mother's Days to come.



If you have any questions regarding this article or any other water conservation questions please contact Dan McDougal, Communications Manager, at 801–968–9081. Taylorsville–Bennion Improvement District.



Taylorsville Community Gardens

Community Garden plots are now available \$25



For additional information please contact: Toni Lenning at 801-265-1328 or 801-414-4192

Taylorsville Dayzz 5k and Kids Race

Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 7AM



We Volunteers, if interested contact Kirstin Johnson at 801.706.3172

Register on-line by June 14, 2017 to get your race T-shirt included in cost of registration, \$15 for 5k Run and \$10 for Kids Run

Register at www.taylorsvilledayzz5k.com



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

The Taylorsville Leisure Activities Recreation & Parks (L.A.R.P) Committee is planning a Fall Festival on October 14, 2017 at Taylorsville Park, 4751 South Plymouth View Dr.

They are seeking beverage vendors to serve warm beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and apple cider) and cold sodas. They are also seeking food vendors to serve veggies on a stick, hot dogs, caramel popcorn and caramel apples and other fall food type items. Vendors interested can contact the LARP Committee at larpetaylorsvilleut.gov



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

-----Thursday, June 22-----

4-11 pm Carnival Bonus Night

(Special Family Night: 10 rides for \$10)

7:00 pm IMAGINE (Beatles Tribute) with the

Utah Symphony & Cannons

9:30 pm Movie-Beauty & the Beast (2017)

-----Friday, June 23-----

4-11 pm Carnival Rides

6:30 pm Taylorsville Orchestra

8:00 pm Rock the 80s with Lisa McClowry

Music of: Journey, Guns-N'-Roses, Heart, Cher

10:00 pm Fireworks!

-Saturday, June 24-----

Starting Lions Club Breakfast, 5K Fun Run,

at 7am: Parade, All Day Entertainment,

Food and Craft Booths, Car Show, Carnival Rides, Camel & Pony Rides

7:30 pm Celine Dion & Neil Diamond Tribute

with Brigitte Valdez & Jay White

10:00 pm Fireworks Extravaganza!!!

www.taylorsvilledayzz.com / Contact Jim Dunnigan @ 801-840-1800



Movie in the Park Thursday 9:30 pm BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Hosted by Salt Lake Community College





IMAGINE

(Beatles Tribute) with the Utah Symphony & Cannons

June 22: 7 pm FREE!

Rock the 80's

With Lisa McClowry

June 23: 8 pm FREE



Celine Dion & Neil Diamond Tribute

with Brigitte Valdez & Jay White

June 24: 7:30 pm FREE!

BURGLARY PREVENTION

Stop Home & Business Burglaries - Don't Tempt a Thief!



- · Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short period of time, lock your doors and windows.
- REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO Unified Police Department @ (801) 743-7000
- · Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps with automatic timers to turn on in the evening and off during the (https://holdmail.usps.com) day. Also you can notify the Unified Police Department / Taylorsville Precinct to request a property check while you are away. (385-468-9435)
- Keep your garage door closed and locked at all times!
- Do not leave lawn mowers or other easily stolen yard items them if necessary. in plain view
- · Push button locks on doorknobs to exterior doors are easy available for better security. Check with your local home for burglars to open. Replace them with deadbolt locks.

- Secure vacant rental or foreclosure properties from air conditioning and copper thefts by using a padlock and chain security device or by caging in the unit so thieves cannot reach the valuable metal.
- Do not allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers, or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the United States Postal Service to hold your mail or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick them up regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be moved or your snow to be removed by a trusted individual while you are gone for an extended period of time
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are improvement store for assistance.

VEHICLE THEFT & BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

FACT: A car is stolen approximately every 25 seconds somewhere in the U.S.

FACT: Most of these thefts are preventable!

Some criminals can take your car in less than 30 seconds. You can use an antitheft device to include hidden secondary ignition switches or steering wheel locks. Most of those devices cost less than the insurance deductible paid out if their car is stolen and there are discounts offered for using them.

- Park in well-lighted areas.
- REPORT ANY SUSPICOUS ACTIVITIES TO UPD!
- Close all windows, lock all doors, and take the vehicle keys with you. 25% of stolen vehicles had the keys in the most. Most with the engine running!
- Do not leave anything of value in plain view. IF IT CAN BE SEEN IT CAN BE STOLEN!
- · Never hide a second set of keys anywhere on or near your car.
- Never leave your car running. Even if you'll only be gone for a minute.
- · Don't think driving an older car is less appealing to thieves.

2017 Taylorsville Municipal Election

The City of Taylorsville will hold a Municipal Election on November 7, 2017, to elect a Mayor and two City Council Members (one from Council District 4 and one from Council District 5) to serve four-year terms. If necessary, a Municipal Primary Election will also be held on August 15, 2017.

The filing period will run from Thursday, June 1, 2017, through Wednesday, June 7, 2017, during regular City Hall hours (Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Candidates must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" form in person with the Taylorsville City Recorder, at Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Taylorsville, Utah, during the filing period. Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available in the Recorder's Office or on the City website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

A candidate must have been a resident of the City of Taylorsville for at least 12 consecutive months (365 days) immediately prior to the date of the General Election. A candidate must also be a registered voter. A candidate running for a Council District Seat must be a resident of that district. A filing fee of \$100.00 must be paid at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy.

The filing fee will be reduced to \$50 for candidates who submit a nomination petition containing 25 signatures of residents of the city who are at least 18 years old. The nomination form is available on the City website.

The Taylorsville City Council voted unanimously to contract with Salt Lake County for election services and will conduct the municipal election through the vote by mail option. This means that all registered voters in Taylorsville will be mailed a ballot for the City election this year.

Completed ballots may be returned by mail in the postage-paid envelope provided. Those who prefer to vote in person on machines may still do so during the Early Voting period held two weeks prior to the election (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall), or on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at one of the many Vote Centers located throughout Salt Lake County (locations to be announced at a later date).

For additional information, please visit the City's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov or contact City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle at 801-963-5400.

Amateur Radio License Exam Sessions

The City of Taylorsville and UtahSAG are proud to host W5Yl Amateur Radio license exam sessions. Anyone interested in testing to receive or upgrade their ham radio license is welcome to attend. The sessions will be held on the last monday of most months from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall.

The scheduled testing sessions for 2017 are:

- May 22
- June 26
- July 31
- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27



Register on-line at www.hamstudy.org

NOTE: This is NOT a course that will prepare you to take the license exams. Studying ahead of time is highly recommended. If you have any questions, contact Taylorsville Emergency Management at (801) 963-5400.



TAYLORSVILLE CITY CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE



Please Contact:

Lee Bennion - 801.834.4325

Taylorsville Arts Council Presents



June 9, 10 & 12 SLCC Alder Amphitheater 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$6/each
Family Pass \$30











- 1. FOLLOW US @taylorsvillecity
- 2. POST A PHOTO capturing the fun of Taylorsville Dayzz
- 3. SHARE your pic using the hashtag #TvilleDayzz2017PhotoContest

4. **VOTE** and "like" your favorite entry by searching **#TvilleDayzz2017PhotoContest**

5. **WIN** - 4 photos with the highest number of "likes" on Monday, June 26th at 9AM will win a \$50 gift card to a Taylorsville restaurant!



TAYLORSVILLE EXCHANGE CLUB HONORS SEVEN STUDENTS FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS



(Left to Right) Amber Jansen, Isabeau Davis, Tristan Palmer, Mayor Johnson, Truly Petranovich, Yearim (Jared) DeLeon, Moses Lopez, Camilla Quezada,

The Taylorsville Exchange Club honored the following seven youth for the Taylorsville Exchange Club excellence in scholarship, citizenship, service and leadership: Amber Jansen - Kearns High School, Camilla Quezado - Taylorsville High School, Yearim (Jared) DeLeon - Taylorsville High School, Truly Petranovich - Cyprus High School, Moises Lopez - Cyprus High School, Isabeau Davis - Hunter High School, Tristan Palmer - Hunter High School. Mayor Johnson praised the seven honorees for their many accomplishments and achievements. One the seven students honored will be selected in May for a \$1,000 scholarship and be entered in the district competition for another \$1000 scholarship with an opportunity to advance to the national level for a \$10,000 scholarship.

Welcome to your new Taylorsville location, Rancherito's!



Re-Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - April 14, 2017

City Officials, ChamberWest and Community Members participated in a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the new Rancherito's Taylorsville location and celebrate their Re-Grand Opening! Rancherito's is a fast food chain offering familiar Mexican fare, including breakfast options, around the clock. Rancheritos has relocated to 3705 West 5400 South and is open 24 hours a day. Check out their menu that includes a variety of combination plates and specials at www.rancheritosmexicanfood.com/menu



Community Cats and TNR

by David Moss, Animal Services Director

Taylorsville – We are about to enter what we call "kitten season" here at the Animal Shelter. This is the time of year when cats start to give birth (puppy season already started as we have gotten quite a few puppies recently). Some of the kittens you may see, or find, around your neighborhood may not have an owner. These kittens, and their mothers, are what used to be called "feral cats." The term "community cats" are what they are known as now. This is because they live freely in the community. It seems when we are in the middle of kitten season we become overwhelmed and do not know what to do with so many cats. But, it is getting better. There are some people who don't appreciate community cats and there are others, possibly your neighbors, who feed and care for these cats but don't own them. It used to be that these cats were caught, brought to the animal shelter, and euthanized. The Taylorsville/West Valley Animal Shelter is a "No-Kill" Shelter now. What this means is that we don't euthanize an animal unless is absolutely necessary and in the interest of the animal. What we do now, instead of euthanizing, is a program called TNR.

TNR stands for Trap – Neuter – Return. We have an employee who works with the community to Trap the cats and bring them to the animal shelter. This employee then takes the cats to a veterinarian who neuters them. In addition to neutering the cats, the cats are also given vaccinations to ensure the cats', and the public's, health and welfare. Finally, the cats are returned to the community where they came from. Since starting this program about 4 years ago, we find it is now making a huge difference in the amount of cats we have to deal with both at the shelter and in the community.

Recently we received a call from a citizen about a community cat killing their pigeons. We caught the cat and put it into the program. The reason for catching the cat wasn't clearly communicated and the cat was returned to the community it was caught in – standard procedure with this program. This kind citizen called back and explained that, although great for the cat, it wasn't the best for his problem. We caught the cat again and with the help of our community partner, Best Friends, we relocated the cat to a different community.

Partnerships and new way of thinking have greatly impacted the way we in the animal services field do business. This new way of dealing with cats in the community has been a bold move but one that helps not only the cats

Interested In Serving on the Planning Commission?

Are you interested in having a voice in decision making, serving the community, do you have relevant experience or interesting in planning land use, or local government?

The Taylorsville Planning Commission consists of seven regular members and one alternate member who are residents of the city. They are a citizen board appointed by the City Council. They represent all five districts in our city with three additional at-large positions. They are charged with the responsibility to make recommendations to the City Council on such matters as zone changes, conditional use permits, and subdivisions.



The Commission also makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council about planning and community development decisions. The City of Taylorsville is now accepting applications for the Planning Commission. The deadline is May 22, 2017, for the vacancy. For more information regarding the application process, please contact Mark McGrath, our Community Development Director at mmcgrath@taylorsvilleut.gov or (801) 963-5400 ext. 3008.



but all of us who live in these communities. Thank you for your help!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get participate, and get involved? Do you want to share your time and talents to build our community?

The Taylorsville Leisure Activities, Recreation & Parks (L.A.R.P) Committee is seeking new members at this time. We are looking for volunteers to meet monthly and participate in our planned activities that include:

- Beautification awards for the best-kept yards/landscaping, Halloween Outdoor Décor, Holiday Outdoor Décor.
- The Remember Me Rose Garden
- A Fall Festival that we are planning for October 14, 2017, at Taylorsville Park located at 4751 South Plymouth View Drive

The activities we are planning for our Fall Festival include a Halloween Costume Parade for children, adults, and dogs. In addition to music, a movie in the park (Halloween Theme), share the harvest, and a pumpkin carving contest.

Residents interested in serving on the Taylorsville Leisure Activities, Recreation & Parks (L.A.R.P) Committee are invited to submit a volunteer application located on the City of Taylorsville website at http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov/or call the City Offices for additional information at (801) 963-5400.

Taylorsville Senior Center

4743 South Plymouth View Drive • Taylorsville, Utah 84123 • 385-468-3370

MAY EVENTS

All Activities held at 4743 S Plymouth View Drive unless alternate location is indicated.

May 2nd Birthday Tuesday, Entertainment starts at 11:30 by Larry Turner

May 8th Book Club lead by Taylorsville Library Librarian at 11:00

May 12th Mother's Day Celebration (Contact Senior Center for more information)

May 17th New evening class starting Western U.S. History and the 1800's.

Class will be held every other Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Running May through August.

May 31st SLC's National Senior Health and Fitness Day - Brain Savers Summit

Location: Viridian Event Center 8030 S. 1825 W. West Jordan

11:30 AM — Sack lunches for the first 150 people in the park pavilion

12:30 PM — "Healthy Cooking for Brain Health" by Celebrity Chef Katie Weinner (Top Chef Boston)

1:30 to 3:00 PM - Breakout Sessions

3:45 PM Closing remarks and prize drawings

Information Tables:

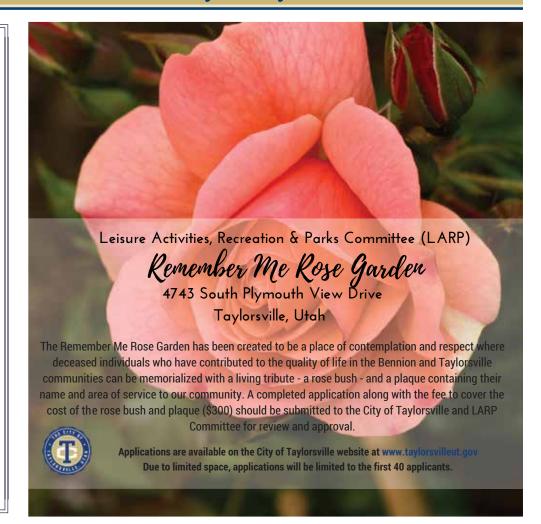
- Salt Lake County Senior Centers Alzheimer's Association Wasatch Mountain Club
- AARP SLC Track and Roadrunner Club Salt Lake County Library Services
- Salt Lake County Aging & Adult Services Salt Lake County Health Promotion for Older Adults
- Salt Lake County Animal Services SPLORE Adaptive Adventures of Utah

REDWOOD ROAD Multimodal Transportation Study

The Redwood Road Multimodal Transportation Study is an inclusive collaboration between Salt Lake City, West Valley City, Taylorsville City, West Jordan City, South Jordan City, Sandy City, Salt Lake County, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA).

The goal of the study is to develop a preferred multimodal transportation solution for Redwood Road that considers automobiles, transit, bicycles, pedestrians, and land use. The study will also identify an implementation plan for short, medium, and long-term aspects of the preferred solution.

We are seeking input from the residents of the cities that Redwood Road runs through and are hoping that you could assist us. Taylorsville Residents please visit www.RedwoodRoadStudy.com



Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Remembrances

The following article was taken from the records in the archives of the L.D.S. church on May 26, 1983, by T. John Labrum as requested by Asael Wallace, of the Sons Of The Utah Pioneers.

Bennion Ward - 1905-1918

Bounded on the North by the Taylorsville Ward, on the East by the Jordan River, on the South by the West Jordan Ward, and on the West by the Oquirrh Mountains.

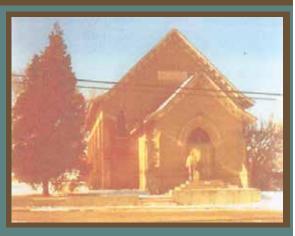
The ward meeting house or chapel was a fine brick building – which the first part was erected in 1907 at the cost of \$12,000. With the improvements and additions subsequently made, it had a chapel capable of seating 350 people. It also contained an amusement hall, a relief society room, and three classrooms. It was lighted by electricity and originally heated by coal stoves. The building was situated on the west side of Redwood Road and 6200 South, and it was four miles southwest of Murray, Utah, the stake headquarters, and 12 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

The Bennion Ward is an outgrowth of the West Jordan Ward and was named Bennion after two large prominent families who were among the first settlers in that part of the Salt Lake Valley, which is now included in the Bennion Ward.

The heads of these two families whose prosperity is largely represented until the present day by their numerous children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

For sometime, that part of the county now included in the Bennion Ward, was known as the South District of the North Jordan Ward (now called Taylorsville) had belonged to the Salt Lake Stake of Zion until 1900 when it became a part of the Granite Stake, and when the Cottonwood Stake was organized in 1914, Bennion Ward became a part of that Stake.

If this article peaks your interest in Bennion, you are invited to visit the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center Museum@ 1488 West, 4800 South in Taylorsville. In the music room, there is featured a wall of former bishops of Bennion, including the old pump organ from that building that works. Many women have visited the museum, telling the story of how they used to play that organ in the 'good old days'!





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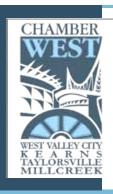
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Let's turn the answers on

There is no 'I' in team at Taylorsville

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com



The Taylorsville girls softball team finished third in last season state playoffs. A younger, less experienced team hopes to make a return. (Greg James/City Journals)

T he Taylorsville softball team is coming off a successful run in the 2016 state tournament. A repeat appearance would be another successful season.

"Our season started off kind of slow," sophomore Maddie Ford said. "We lost a few close games, but as the season goes on, we are progressing. We are gaining confidence and trusting each other."

The Warriors finished 2016 in third place. They lost in the state tournament twice to West High School; both were close games losing by four runs. They held an 8-2 lead headed into the bottom of the fourth of the third-place game, but West scored nine unanswered runs to defeat the Warriors.

There are several new players on the roster this season. First team All-Staters Jazmyn Rollin, Asenaca Lesuma and Tashia Francom all graduated last spring. Filling those holes will affect how well they do this year.

"We are a team; not one player is better or more important than any other," Ford said. "We cannot win with only one player; it takes a team."

The lack of experience in key positions leaves the team learning on the job. The toughest week of the season to date included games against Copper Hills and Bingham, back

Against Copper Hills, Mackenzy Richins belted a grand slam, but it was not enough to stop the Grizzlies. They lost 19-16 in eight innings. Bingham held the Warriors in check and defeated them 5-2.

The Warriors are 2-2 in Region 3 this season. They are in third place behind Copper Hills and Bingham.

The pipeline of girls coming through the recreation and accelerated programs to the high school helps head coach Rich Kaelin find the talent he needs to keep the Warriors relevant.

The Taylorsville Recreation league boasts 20 teams this season. Their goal is teach softball skills while having fun. They offer an 18-andunder division for the older girls down to the 8-and-under division for younger girls.

"I started playing when I was 4 years old," Ford said. "My mom played high school and college, and so I was always at the field throwing the ball around."

Ford is a key addition to the team. She has one home run, two doubles and one triple. She has been splitting time between third base and shortstop.

"I love softball," Ford said. "It is fun to get out and meet new people and make new friends. We play against great teams, and I love having teammates that are my best friends. I would like to continue playing ball after high school like my mom did, but it also helps me in my personal life and in school. I am not sure where my grades would be if not for softball."

The 5A state tournament is scheduled to begin May 16 at selected home sites before shifting to the Valley Complex May 23–25. +

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The Bruins have celebrated several great wins this season; their region tournament is scheduled to begin May 11. (Steve Speckman/SLCC Athletics)

Bruins baseball traces path of success for players

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com

The Salt Lake Community college men's baseball team is a place many local players transition from high school standouts to four-year degrees or professional careers.

"We spend a lot of time working with the players on their athleticism," Bruins head coach DG Nelson said. "We do weight-training and work on speed. We do our best to teach the game and help them to play as a team and yet showcase their own abilities at the same time."

Nelson has coached the Bruins for 14 years. In that time, 124 players have moved on to compete and study at four-year institutions. He has had 27 join the professional ranks and one (Chris Shelton) go on to play in a World Series.

"My coaches have taught me a lot about baseball," freshman Braden DeLaMare said. "They have helped me with my pitching techniques and helped me to get better. They have also helped me with my baseball IQ,"

In 2016, three players went on to play at universities: Trevor Peterson went to Utah Valley University; Miquel Robinson went to Ottawa University; and Cameron Sepede went to UNLV. Joe Barlow was drafted in the 11th round by the

The Bruins recruit well inside the state of Utah. This season, 24 of its 35 players are from Utah. This includes Taylorsville's Chase Huff.

"Utah as a whole has started to raise the talent level," Nelson said. "We want to get the best Utah kid we can first. I



The Bruins pitching staff has a collective 4.75 earned run average and had 200 strikeouts in 216 innings. (Steve Speckman/SLCC Athletics)

think Salt Lake Community College is the biggest gem in the state of Utah. Out-of-state kids see a lot of small schools, and they are nowhere near to what we have here. They come in and see the campus and feel like it is a division one school."

The Bruins have started their 2017 season with a 17-17 record and are 10-6 in conference play.

"I think our record is a little deceiving," Nelson said. "We have had some returning pitchers that are two of the best in junior college baseball. They have had some injuries; some of our young guys have had to be thrown in the fire."

Mason Abrath and Jayden Hartl have only pitched in six games this year. Their combined earned run average is an unheralded 0.96 in 28 innings.

"They are as good as anybody at any level. They are good," Nelson said in regards to his top pitchers.

Freshman Nick Seginowich from Victoria, Canada, has been named Region 18 player of the week twice. His four home runs and 25 runs batted in lead the team.

"Our offense has been up and down," Nelson said. "We have a great lineup with a lot of speed, and they are getting more consistent. Mitch (Berryhill) has Deion Sanders-type speed and is signed at Fullerton for next year. He is getting it going and we are getting better each week."

The Bruins are scheduled to close out their regular season May 5 and 6 with double-headers against Colorado Northwestern Community College. +



Sophomore Jacob Thurber is hitting .341 and has three home runs this season. (Steve Speckman/SLCC Athletics)

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by JOANI TAYLOR

Flipping out over the cost of summer entertainment

A re you at your wallets end when it comes to family entertainment? It can be hard to find something all age ranges can enjoy. Plus, for some of our area's more popular theme parks, it seems as if we have to mortgage the house just to gain admission, and on top of the high prices, they add insult to injury and charge just to park the car.

If your wallet is already having a panic attack over the expense of your upcoming summer vacation, now is the time to discover the latest craze that is catching on at your favorite park. It's disc golf. It's easy to try; it's fun for all ages---and it's my favorite word---FREE.

As more and more Utah parks are adding courses, it's becoming easier than ever to enjoy a pleasant afternoon at a nearby of location or take a journey to see some of our amazing scenery. I recently I stumbled on a course at Brighton Resort. To make the most of this experience, here are some things to keep in mind when gearing up to flip out.

1. Take a look at a map:

As the popularity of disc golf expands, many online sites offer detailed maps of courses and distance markers. Some sites include scorecards, too.

2. Bring extra discs:

At the risk of sounding a tad irreverent and even insulting to regular players, my dollar store Frisbee worked just fine when a water hazard was likely to claim my Frisbee. So, while a Google search will offer an enormous amount of fast, slow, left and right turning discs, they are somewhat expensive. It's around 24 dollars for a set of three discs, while its helpful to own disc golf gear, and there are a large variety of recommended discs, a few extra bargain discs won't detract from the game.

3. There are no amenities at disc golf courses:

Keep in mind you will be at a public park. The services are limited. If you are hoping for a cart or a snack shack, you will probably be disappointed. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and clothing, bring plenty of water and plan a picnic lunch for your game.

4. Bring your friends:

This is an occasion where the more involved creates a merrier time. It's a good idea to honor the foursome format, but the sky is the limit on how many groups can be a part of the fun. Keep in mind, however, the rules of golf etiquette are still in full swing. Don't barge into the games of other people, be quiet when players tee off, don't allow your dog to sniff around other people's stuff—you get the idea.

I have found disc golf to be a good way to relax, get exercise and enjoy areas of Utah I would not have visited otherwise. Oh, and did I mention it's free. Visit the www.discgolfscene.com for a list of Disc Golf locations

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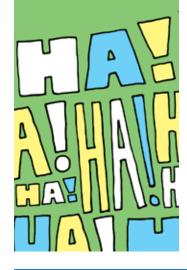




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y husband likes to say, "We're not getting any VI vounger." Well, no @\$&#, Sherlock. Every time I open a magazine or watch a hairspray commercial, I'm reminded that I'm quickly approaching my "Best if used by" date. If I was milk, you'd be sniffing me before pouring me on your cereal.

Like billions of women throughout history, I'm always looking for ways to keep my wrinkles at bay and my sagging to a minimum. I know it's a losing battle, but my bathroom continues to look like a mad scientist's laboratory with creams (crèmes if you're pretentious), serums, oils and lotions all guaranteed to create the illusion of youth.

Everywhere I turn, there's a new fix for what ails me, like the treatment to tighten elbow skin. I could have gone the rest of my life without worrying about sagging elbow skin. Now I keep my elbows perpetually bent so they look youthful.

After doing extensive research by Googling "How to look 45 years younger," I found some good advice---and a list of things I will never, ever try, even when my age spots have age spots.

Good advice includes drinking lots of water (I like my water in the form of ice. Mixed with Coke.), getting enough sleep (3 hours is good sleep, right?) and splurging on facials (it kills me to pay someone \$50 to wash my face).

And there's always a trendy ingredient that shows up in beauty products. Bee venom was a thing last year, promising to plump up skin and reduce fine

Skin Deep

lines. Maybe that's why the bumble bees are disappearing. Beautiful people are kidnapping swarms and stealing their venom. Seems plausible.

This year's list of potentially deadly anti-aging treatments doesn't disappoint. For less than \$1,000, physicians will take plasma from your blood and inject it into your face. If you're not into vampire facials, your dermatologist can permanently place ceramic crystals under your skin for a natural glow. The downside: your body might reject the crystals as foreign objects. Probably because they're foreign objects.

Placenta powder, sterilized nightingale poop treatments and urine facials have hit the cosmetology industry this year, giving a new meaning to "flushing out toxins."

Along with bees, other lifeforms are helping us look radiant. And by "helping" I mean creeping us out. Leeching is a thing again. This medieval treatment for everything from PMS to cancer has found its way onto our bodies. Leeches are supposed to purify blood and promote a feeling of vitality. Nope. Nope. And . . . nope.

Can't do blood-sucking leeches? How about slimy snails? A doctor with too much time on his hands says snail slime contains wrinkle fighting ingredients. I'm not sure how he tested his theory, but I hope there's a YouTube video.

If you like to play with lighters, fire facials come with a cloth soaked in alcohol that is ignited and placed against the skin for a few seconds to, not only decrease sagging skin, but to decrease your skin completely.

And there's always the tried-and-true products like fillers and Botox, but the list of side effects make me wonder if wrinkles are really that bad. Yes, I've got a murder of crows stamping around the corners of my eyes but I'm not experiencing pain, redness, shortness of breath, bruising, infection or bleeding.

All those wacky treatments make my skin crawl. For non-celebrities like myself, I'll continue with my drugstore products and hope that nobody decides to toss me out with the spoiled yogurt. +



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